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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:	§	
	§	Group Art Unit: 1775
Troy Squires	§	
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Serial No.: 09/808,703	§	Examiner: A. Bahta
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Filed: March 14, 2001	§	
	§	Confirmation No. 5809
For: Horizontally Draining, Pre-	§	
Engineered Synthetic Turf Field	§	

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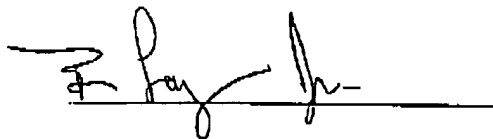
### AFFIDAVIT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.132

I, Bruce Layman, Jr., declare that I am of ordinary skill in the art of artificial turf systems. Upon review of the above noted patent application and without undue experimentation, I have come to understand that the artificial turf system of the claimed invention provides superior results than systems such as that found in EP 452,529 A1, U.S. Patent No. 4,768,897, U.S. Patent No. 4,444,815, and U.S. Patent No. 6,029,397. Also, due at least in part to the complexity of the invention, prior to the claimed invention those of ordinary skill in the art typically refused to pursue ideas similar to the claimed invention in spite of the understood need for an invention of this nature.

Regardless, on information and belief, after significant time, effort, and experimentation, the invention of the above noted application was created and has produced unexpected favorable results. Subsequent to public use of the invention, the invention has since been recognized as a desirable alternative to turf systems of the past and the invention has even been copied by competitors.

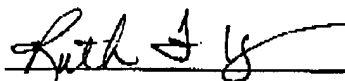
I believe that, with similar review of the above-noted application, another person of ordinary skill in the art should understand the superior results of the artificial turf system described in the above noted application, superiority with respect to at least the above-noted prior art turf systems.

Date: December 18, 2002



Bruce Layman, Jr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, on this 18 day of December, 2002.



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